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FOLLOWING IS AN ARTICLE BY FLEUR DE VILLIERS WHICH APPEARED
IN THE SUNDAY TIMES, JUNE 25:
QUOTE: PROPOSALS FOR BREAKING THE DEADLOCK ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA
WERE PRESENTED THIS WEEK TO THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
MR. BRAND FOURIE, BY AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE-NATION CONTACT GROUP.
THE PROPOSALS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO HINGE LARGELY ON A WESTERN PLAN FOR
OVERCOMING SWAPO'S DEMAND THAT WALVIS BAY BE NOT (SIC INCLUDED IN
THE FIVE'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS.

QUOTE: THERE IS A GROWING SUSPICION IN SOUTH AFRICAN QUARTERS THAT,
IN A DESPERATE BID TO PERSUADE SWAPO TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS, THE
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WEST MAY BE PREPARED TO GIVE IT" CERTAIN ASSURANCES" ON WALVIS
BAY. THERE ARE ALSO FEARS THAT IT MAY BE GIVING SOUTH AFRICA
ONE "INTERPRETATION" OF THIS MOVE AND SWAPO ANOTHER. THERE IS
LITTLE DOUBT THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BREAK OFF ALL FURTHER
NEGOTIATIONS ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA IF THE WEST TRIED TO CAMOUFLAGE
THE ASSURANCES IT HAD GIVEN SWAPO.

QUOTE: THE WEST HAS FREQUENTLY GIVEN SOUTH AFRICA THE CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE THAT WALVIS BAY WAS NOT AN ISSUE IN THE PROPOSALS.

QUOTE: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE HAVE ALSO STATED FREQUENTLY THAT THEY DID NOT ENGAGE IN " SECRET DEALINGS" WITH ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER DURING THE NGOTIATIONS. END QUOTE.
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